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Ethical Theory and Moral Practice at 24

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Abstract

This Editorial outlines recent developments in the Journal's scope, mission and review policy. It also illustrates the range of topics addressed on the pages of *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, which is now entering its 24th year.

Keywords Cross-cultural philosophy · Good practice for journals · Jurisprudence · Metaethics · Moral epistemology · Normative ethics · Practical philosophy · Review policy · Social and political philosophy · Value theory

The start of 2021 brought some exciting developments to the Journal: Five new members joined its Editorial Team and two of its former Associate Editors took on the role of Editors-in-Chief. We would like to welcome on board our new colleagues: Sofia Bonicalzi, Michael Cholbi, Erik Malmqvist, Alasia Nuti and Andrei Poama. We would also like to express our deep gratitude to the members of the Editorial Team whose dedication, professionalism and generosity were a great asset for the growth of the Journal over the years: Magali Bessone, Marcus Düwell, Ezio di Nicci, Thomas Schramme and Alexa Zellentin. We have taken this time of reorganization also as an opportunity to renew the Journal's Editorial Board so as to enhance its geographical spread, multidisciplinary coverage and gender balance. We are indebted to the distinguished colleagues who have contributed with their scholarly expertise to make this Journal flourish and excited to welcome the new members who will continue this mission. We are fortunate to have Thomas Schramme, our former Editor-in-Chief, continue contributing to the Journal in a new capacity as Chair of the Editorial Board.

As a part of its continued commitment to fostering academic excellence in a constructive spirit, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* now endorses the Good Practice recommendations for Journals issued by the British Philosophical Association and the Society for Women in

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Philosophy – UK. We strongly encourage both referees and authors to consult our Review Policy document at <https://www.springer.com/journal/10677/updates> when preparing their contributions. Our Editorial Team is committed to publishing the best work produced in all fields of practical philosophy, regardless of the traditions or schools of thought from which it derives, and to ensuring that all colleagues involved in the review process – authors, referees and editors – partake in a stimulating, constructive and supportive experience.

The quality and range of original papers in this issue are a testament to our editorial commitments. Here are some examples.

Fleur Jongepier's 'The Value of Transparent Self-Knowledge' and Eleonora Severini's 'Moral Progress and Evolution: Knowledge Versus Understanding' offer new insights on core issues at the intersection of moral epistemology, metaethics and philosophical psychology: How best to account for the transparency condition on self-knowledge if we are to preserve its close links to agency, responsiveness to reasons and responsibility at both normative and descriptive levels? Could understanding rather than knowledge offer a sound ground for a compelling notion of moral progress free from costly metaphysical commitments?

Preston Green's 'It Doesn't Matter Because One Day it Will End' and Jens Jørund Tyssedal's 'The Value of Time' explore the normative significance of temporality in two complementary areas. The first area concerns the possibility of meaningful life-achievements that becomes apparent once we distinguish time-sensitive from time-neutral considerations. The second area revolves around the question of how and why measuring free time in terms of value-neutral units, such as hours – independently of the value they have for different agents – might be insufficient to address unjust temporal inequalities.

David Birks's 'Sex, Love, and Paternalism' and Sharon Lamb, Sam Gable and Doret de Ruyter's 'Mutuality in Sexual Relationships: a Standard of Ethical Sex?' challenge mainstream positions in the current debates on the ethics of sex. The former explores cases of paternalism between private, informed and competent individuals which put pressure on anti-paternalism as a general principle. The latter argues that mutuality in terms of caring about sexual partners as persons is the appropriate standard for ethical sex rather than more established consent-based alternatives.

The papers on 'Collegial Relationships' by Monika Betzler and Joerg Loeschke and 'An Ethical Framework for Hacking Operations' by Ross Bellaby both focus on emerging and under-explored issues in professional ethics: What institutional arrangements facilitate collegiality? Do collegial relationships instantiate a distinctive value, over and above that of professionalism? When, if ever is hacking justified? Should it always be a means of last resort?

In a similar multidisciplinary vein, the review papers included in this issue highlight significant book-length inquiries in different areas across practical philosophy, such as jurisprudence, cross-cultural philosophy, social philosophy, and pandemic ethics, to name a few.

On behalf of the Journal's Editorial Team, we would like to thank all colleagues – authors, referees and editorial assistants – whose contributions helped shape this issue.

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